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allow the Supreme Court to allocate judicial resources more efficiently and effectively. LB 1182 as amended was advanced unanimously by your Judiciary Committee. This amendment also would incorporate LB 1068, introduced by Senator Chambers. LB 1068 authorizes the disclosure of presentence reports and psychiatric examinations to the Nebraska Supreme Court or its agent for research purposes. Currently, these documents are considered privileged and may not be disclosed for research purposes. As amended by your Judiciary Committee, the Supreme Court and its agents are required to treat all psychiatric examinations and presentence investigations and reports as confidential, and are prohibited from releasing any information contained in those documents which could or would identify any individual. LB 1068 was introduced in response to work by the Minority Justice Task Force, and was advanced by your committee unanimously. Finally, this amendment would incorporate LB 1210 into LB 1207, which I introduced as well. LB 1210 makes a technical change to references to the Counsel for Discipline, that body which is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary matters involving licensed practicing lawyers. The council is referenced in current statutory language as the Nebraska State Bar Association Counsel for Discipline. LB 1210 makes correction to those references, in order that we correctly denominate the position as Counsel for Discipline of the Nebraska Supreme Court. LB 1210 was also advanced unanimously by your committee. I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Open for discussion on the Brashear amendment. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Brashear, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you respond, please?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I'm wondering about the purpose of the consultation of the Supreme Court with a representative sampling of the lawyers within the judicial district before relocating a